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MEMORANDUM FOR:

THROUGH :

SUBJECT : Tank Activity, Chonso-Ri Army Barracks, North Korea

REFERENCE : Requirement No. NSA/SOC/R94-69
NPIC Project No. 250340

1. In response to the referenced requirement, a 20 nautical mile (nm) search was conducted at Chonso-Ri Army Barracks (39-09-40N 125-39-40E), North Korea, for possible previously unreported tank activity.

2. The search area was covered entirely on good-quality small-scale photography and partially on good-quality high-resolution photography. The search covered three known areas of tank activity, but provided no evidence of the presence of new additional tank activity, electronics facilities, or associated support facilities.

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3. The following tank-associated targets were observed in the search area:

(a) Chonso-Ri Army Barracks (39-09-40N 125-39-40E) consists of three closely associated areas containing ten barracks, eight quarters, two administration buildings, three messhalls, 22 storage buildings (three revetted), seven support buildings, 15 storage/support buildings, 19 small vehicles sheds, a combined small-arms and subcaliber firing range with ten moving target runs, two control buildings, one support building, and numerous small personnel trenches associated with the range. An occupied

side of the hill. Current OB: 17 probable T-54/T-55 tanks; 11 assault guns; two probable tracked vehicles; two POL trucks and five cargo trucks.

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(b) Kum Chon Army Barracks and Headquarters 48th Artillery Regiment 380-12D (39-24-44N 125-44-45E), dispersed throughout a valley and in adjoining ravines, consists of 52 barracks, 14 barracks/quarters, seven administration buildings (two T-shaped and one C-shaped), one auditorium, four messhalls, 27 vehicle sheds, 29 storage buildings (12 revetted), and 232 storage/support buildings. Other facilities include parade fields, a tracked vehicle driver-training area, at least ten shed-covered vehicle revetments, and numerous abandoned vehicle revetments. Two occupied six-gun AAA sites, two occupied three-gun AAA sites, and an occupied three-gun AW site are located within the area. Current OB: 33 tanks, 20 probable T-34 tanks; two possible PT-76 tanks, one possible tank/assault gun, five tracked vehicles, one possible recovery vehicle, one possible tracked vehicle, 18 AAA pieces, three AW pieces, and 31 trucks.

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(c) Chong-dong Army Barracks and Training Area (39-06-10N 125-57-10E) consists of five barracks, three administration buildings, one messhall, one vehicle maintenance building, approximately 20 storage/support buildings, numerous vehicle revetments (some shed covered), and an associated housing area containing 34 quarters. A road and tunnel connect the main camp to a large tracked-vehicle driver-training area just south. Current OB: 27 probable tanks/assault guns; four possible tracked vehicles and four cargo trucks.

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4. Questions concerning this project may be directed to the imagery analyst, [redacted] of the China, North Korea Branch, EGD/IEG, on extension [redacted] This project is considered to be complete.

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